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REMARKS

This responds to the Final Office Action mailed on March 20, 2009.

Claims 1 and 8 are amended; claims 14-20 were previously canceled, without prejudice to or disclaimer by the Applicant; as a result, claims 1-14 are now pending in this application.

Example support for the amendments may be found throughout the original filed specification. By way of example only, the learned Examiner's attention is directed to the original filed specification paragraphs 32, 34, 44, and 46.

Moreover, Applicant believes that the amendments do not necessitate any new searching on the part of the learned Examiner. As a result, Applicant respectfully asserts that entry of the amendments is appropriate.

§ 103 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 1-14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Wu (U.S. Publication Number 2004/0068572) in view of Parsons et al. (U.S. 6,349,337) in further view of Rollins et al. (U.S. Publication Number 2003/0110266; hereinafter "Rollins"). It is of course fundamental that in order to sustain an obviousness rejection that each and every element in the rejected claims must be taught or suggested in the proposed combination of references.

Here, the proposed combination fails to teach or suggest any notion of associating the preferences with policies and then re-establishing those preferences in response to evaluation of those policies.

Specifically, both Parsons and Wu are directed to re-establishing a same session and not a new session. Rollins creates a snapshot of a first session and then recreates it based on login ID or user direction. The combination fails to establish a configurable policy that is associated with a preference and which is subsequently evaluated in the new session to determine whether to re-establish the preference.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the learned Examiner remove the rejections of record and allow the pending claims.

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CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's representative at (513) 942-0224 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or deficiencies, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-4370.

Respectfully submitted,

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